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Mr. Peter Lopez
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Dear Mr. Lopez:

This is to inform you that the Township of Lyndhurst supports for United States Environmental Protection Agency's (US EPA) proposed Interim Action proposed for the upper nine miles of the Passaic River.

As we understand the US EPA's proposal, remedial activities will occur in the upper nine miles portion of the Passaic River in conjunction with the planned remediation in the lower eight miles of the Passaic River. Consistent with the comments we submitted in 2016 during the public comment period for the lower eight mile Record of Decision (ROD), Lyndhurst believes remedial action should proceed in a coordination fashion. Lyndhurst remains concerned that failure to coordinate remediation work will lead to recontamination of contaminated sediment in a tidal river like the Passaic.

We also understand the US EPA's proposed plan will reduce the traditional schedule by eight years. Lyndhurst supports moving this project forward sooner rather than later and commends the US EPA with advancing the proposed Interim Action. As the host community of the remediation work performed at River Mile 10.9, we are well aware of the in river locations above river mile eight where high levels of contaminants exist. The sooner these areas can be remediated, the better. Waiting another eight years for work to proceed in the upper 9 while millions of cubic yards of contaminated sediment are removed in the lower eight does not serve the citizens of Lyndhurst.

We appreciate your time and consideration and urge the US EPA to move forward. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, please call me at (201) 804-2457, extension 2685.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Giangeruso
Mayor, Lyndhurst Township

cc: Catherine R. McCabe, Commissioner, NJ DEP - FAX: (609) 292-7695